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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY POLITICAL COMMITTEE INTEREST
IN SPEAKERS TO DISCUSS NEW US ADMINISTRATION

1. PIERRE PETTIGREW, NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY (NAA)
SECRETARIAT STAFFER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, TOLD US POLITICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MICHEL BOSHER (FRANCE) HAS DECIDED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION AND ITS IMPACT ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS DURING THE ANNUAL NAA SPRING MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS MAY 26-28. PETTIGREW SAID HE HAS ALREADY WRITTEN TO PIERRE HASSNER (A PERSONAL FRIEND OF PETTIGREW) OF THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY AND RESEARCH, FOUNDATION OF POLITICAL SCIENCES, PARIS (SIC), TO ASK HIM TO SPEAK FROM THE EUROPEAN VIEWPOINT. HASSNER HAS NOT YET REPLIED, BUT IF HE IS UNAVAILABLE, PETTIGREW PLANS TO ASK CORRESPONDENT MICHEL TATU OF LE MONDE TO SPEAK.

2. PETTIGREW HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO SEEK TO
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ENLIST A USG OFFICIAL OR A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO SPEAK FROM THE US VIEWPOINT; HOWEVER, HE INQUIRED WHETHER WE MIGHT RECOMMEND SOMEBODY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION. WE TOLD HIM WE COULD NOT COMMIT THE ADMINISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, BUT THAT WE WOULD REPORT HIS INTEREST TO WASHINGTON AND REQUEST GUIDANCE.

3. PETTIGREW SAID THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD DEVOTE ONE HALF-DAY ON FRIDAY, MAY 27, TO A DISCUSSION OF

EUROCOMMUNISM, WITH THE OTHER HALF-DAY DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION. PETTIGREW DID NOT YET KNOW WHICH SESSION WOULD BE IN THE MORNING AND WHICH IN THE AFTERNOON. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WILL RESUME ITS PLENARY DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT NAA POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1977 ON MAY 28.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST: WASHINGTON VIEWS ON
(A) THE NAA POLITICAL COMMITTEE PLAN TO DEVOTE A SESSION OF THE SPRING COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSSION OF THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION; AND (B) WHETHER WASHINGTON MIGHT WISH TO NAME AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL TO ADDRESS THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE SESSION ON THIS TOPIC, OR TO SUGGEST A NON-GOVERNMENTAL CANDIDATE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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